

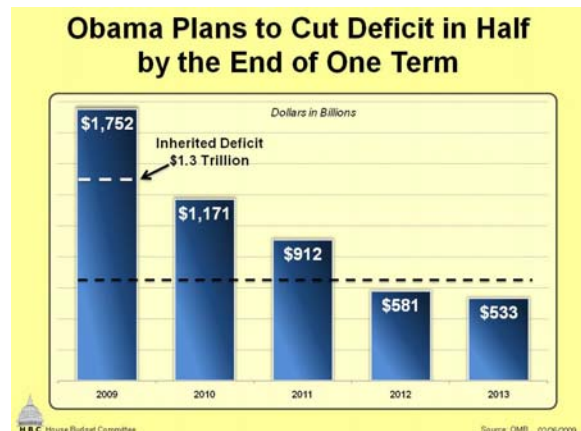
# **DEMOCRATIC BUDGET PRIORITIES SAY “YES” TO NATION**

## *Budget Shows Commitment to Addressing Country’s Challenges, Continues To Restore Fiscal Responsibility*

Tomorrow, the House Budget Committee will mark up the budget resolution, continuing the budget process between the White House and the Congress as we set our priorities for the upcoming year. The Democratic budget resolution will serve as a responsible guideline, and reaffirms President Obama’s and the Democratic Congress’ commitment to fixing the economy in the short-term, while also putting our nation on a long-term path to a sustainable fiscal future.

### **Democrats Outline Budget Priorities**

- 1) **Reduces the deficit by half** by restoring fiscal responsibility to the budgeting process
- 2) **Makes a down payment on health care reform.** Democrats are committed to helping families with the ever-growing costs associated with health care.
- 3) **Creates a path to energy independence.**
- 4) **Reforms and invests in education,** so that the United States can remain competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century global economy.



### **Budget Outlines Plan for Future Economic Growth**

- The Democratic budget lays the groundwork for our country’s future economic growth, by creating jobs and ensuring our economy is strong for years to come. The budget makes targeted investments in our national priorities, including:
  - making health care more affordable
  - transitioning to a clean energy economy
  - improving education

### **Budget Develops a Plan to Reverse the Bush Budget Legacy of Deficits and Debt**

- The Democratic budget aims to reverse years of reckless and irresponsible spending by the Bush Administration and Republican Congresses, including cutting the deficit that President Obama inherited in half by 2013 and reducing wasteful spending

### **Budget Establishes an Honest & Transparent Road Map for the Future**

- The Democratic budget marks the beginning of a new era of honesty in budgeting. In order to get us back on a fiscally sustainable path, Democrats are providing an honest assessment of our fiscal outlook, including known costs that have been left off the budget for years, such as:
  - the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan
  - the Alternative Minimum Tax
  - adjustments to the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate for physicians
  - emergency aid for natural disasters